(a) what is the total number or persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Shola-pur, Kolhapur and other municipal towns in Maharashtra; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to clear the waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information regarding Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Sholapur and Kolhapur is given in the attached statement. *{See below)* Information regarding other municipal towns of Maharashtra is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) New LPG connections are released all over the country, in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to the availability of LPG.

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SI. No	Town	Approx. no. of persons on the waiting listas on 1.7.19S0 (in lakh)
1.	Borobay	**1.46**
2.	Nagpur	**0.57**
3.	Pune	0.87
4.	AurtngabaC	**0.39**
5.	Nasik	0.40
6.	Sholapur .	0.38
7.	Kolhapur	**0.33**

Effects, of Political Developments in the Middle East on India's oil Budget

1390. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the effects of the recent political developments in Middle East on our 'Oil Budget'; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The recent developments in Middle East have resulted in disruption in supplies of crude oil and products from Iraq, Kuwait and USSR, and have led to increase in crude oil and Petroleum Product prices in the international market. This is expected to result in considerable increase in the import bill for crude and petroleum products.

(b) Efforts are under way to procure crude oil and petroleum products from alternative sources make up for the shortfall, within the constraints of foreign exchange availability.

Issue of COB licences *to* firms for confectioning and slitting of photosensitized materials

1391. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleasd to state:

(a) what are the names of the firms to which specific Industrial/ COB licence under the IDR Act has been issued for the activities of 'Confectioning/Slitting of Photosensitized materials from Jumbo Rolls' in terms of notification No. S.O. 328(E) dated the 18th July, 1986 and for which items;

.(b) whether such specific li cence has been issued to any un for the confectioning/slitting of items like X-Ray Film, Graphic Art Film and Cinematographic Film from Jumbo rolls; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The names of the firms who have been granted COB licences for confectioning and slitting of photosensitized materials are as under:

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Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Item of manufacture and actual capacity "Photographic paper	Colour roll from colour
1	M/s. Bbimtal Photo Films Pvt. Ltd.	9 lakh sq. mtr.	6 lakh sq. mtr.
2	,, Phototech Private Ltd.	Do.	Do.
3	,, S.N.S. Photo Company Ltd.	Do.	Do.
4	,, lndia Cine Agencies, Madras	5 lakh sq. mtr.	2.50 lakhs, sq. mtr.
5	,, India Cine Agencies, Pondicherry	7.50 lakh sq. mtr.	"
6	Computer Graphics (P) Ltd.	7.50 lakh sq. mtr.	••
7	Photophone Industries India Ltd.	5 lakh sq. mtr.	2.50 lakh sq. mtr.
8	Norther Plastics Ltd.	7.50 lakh sq. mtr.	• *
9	A.B. Colour Pvt. Ltd.	7.50 lakh sq. mtr.	••
10	Yogi Industries Ltd.	7.50 lakh sq. mtr.	

Apart from the above 10 units, the following two units are also engaged in the confectioning/slitting of photosensitized materials from jumbo rolls;

(1) M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Mfg. Co. Ltd. are holding an Industrial Licence No. L/20(l)(l) NU/CH-I/61 dated 20-2-1961 for integrated manufacture of :' ollowing items:

Item of manufacture	*Annual capacity* (reeniiorseC.)
(i) Cine Positive (B&W) P & Sound	2.551 m. sq. mtr.
(ii) Cine colour positive	4.796 m. sq. mtr.
(iv) Photographic paper	5.000

Licensed capacity of remaining items.

Item of manufacture	*Annual capacity*
(i) Roll Film & Aerial Film	1.010 m. sq. mtr.
(ii) Portrait film	0.300
(iv) Graphic arts film	0.750

They have bean permitted by the Government to undertake confectioning and slitting within their overall licensed capacity covered by ths abavs industrial licencj.

M/s Hindustan Photo' Films Mfg. Co. Ltd. are also holding industrial licence for the manufacture of X-ray Films for annual capacity of 10 million sq. mtrs. and graphic art film for a capacity of 2 million sq. mtr.

2. M/s New India Industries Ltd. hold an industrial licence for the manufacture of black and white photographic printing paper for annual capacity of 3.375 million sq. mtr. They have also been permitted to undertake canfectioning and slitting of photographic colour paper from jumbo rolls within this licensed capacity.

The policy of the Government with regard to the photosensitized goods is to encurage manufacture of these goods from basic stage. Government have approved creation of capacity for integrated manufacture of medical and industrial x-ray, graphic arts, cinematographic film, photographic colour paper etc.

Import of Petra-Chemicals from Middle-East

1392. SHRI KAHNU CHA-RAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to import petrochemical intermediates from ' the Middle-East and other countries;

(b) if so, what are the details j thereof;

(c) whether Paradeep Port on the East-Coast is being considered ror import of these materials and or creation of the required storage nd associated facilities; and

(d) if so, by when the proposal I would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETRO-LEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Import of petrochemicals intermediates takes place depending upon the gap between demand and supply in the country. Most of these items are directly imported by users from different countries depending upon their requirements and market conditions.

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa had made a suggestion that Paradeep Port be developed for storage and handling of petrochemicals intermediates. Since this would require substantial investment, State Government have been advised to undertake detailed techno-economic feasibility study of any such proposal.

Crisis in the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd., Kanpur

1393. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleassd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur have been on strike since mid July, 1990, and have been refusing to attend to their work;

(b) whether the management has also failed to provide necessary raw materials for maintaining a regular flow of production during the past six months or so;

(c) whether the management is now seeking the protection of IDBI in the matter of finance in order *to* overcome financial irregularities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what efforts are to be made to change the present manage ment; and